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REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and foregoing remarks, favorable reconsideration in

this application is respectfully requested. By this amendment, claim 21 was amended, and

claim 22 canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-21 and 23-27 remain pending in the application,

including independent claims 1 and 21.

**Drawings** 

The Examiner objects to the drawings, requesting that suitable legends be added to the

figures. A replacement sheet and annotated sheet showing changes are attached hereto. The

replacement sheet inserts legends into the figures in accordance with the Examiner's

suggestion. No new matter has been added.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejects claim 21 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as unpatentable over Moore et

al., but indicates that claims 22-23 are allowable. By this Amendment, claim 22 has been

canceled and the allowable subject matter incorporated into base claim 21. Accordingly,

claim 21 should be in condition for allowance, together with allowed claims 1-20 and

dependent claim 23.

In the event there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application

in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney

concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to BLANK ROME

LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (116598-00109). In the event that a petition for an

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## **Amendments to the Drawings**

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 1, 2, and 4. These sheets, which includes Figs. 1-4, replaces the original sheets including Figs. 1-4. In Figs. 1, 2, and 4, legends have been added to the various blocks, in accordance with the Examiner's request.

Attachments: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet showing changes.

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extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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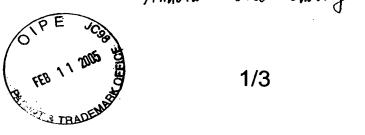
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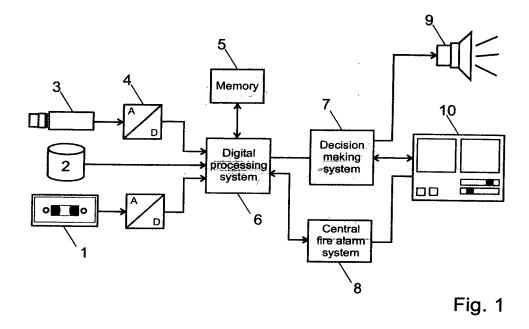
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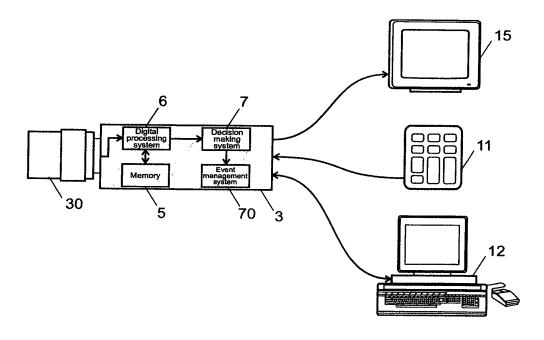


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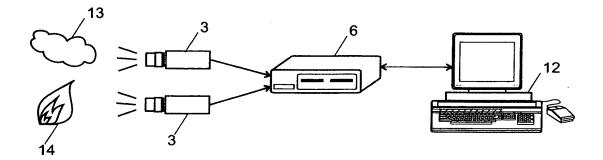


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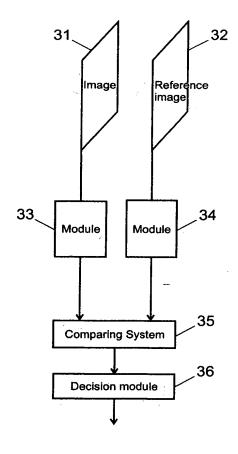


Fig. 4